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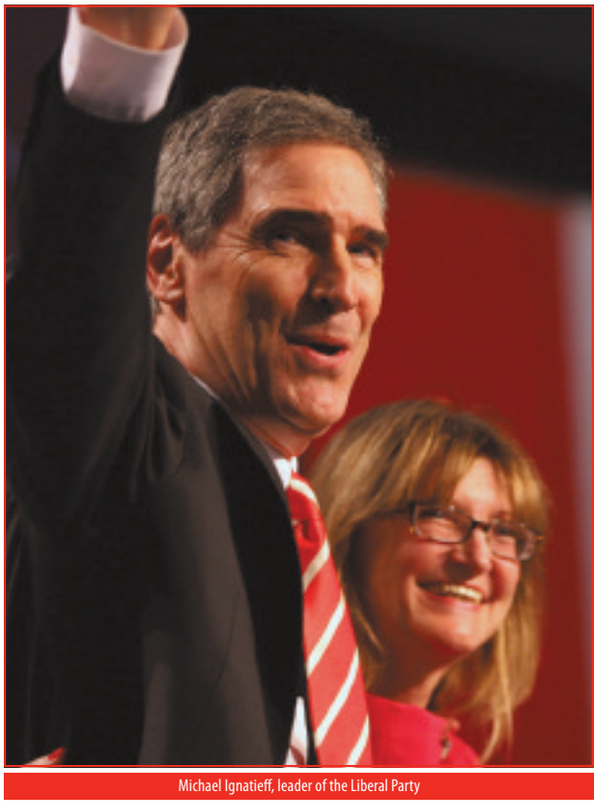

Michael Ignatieff, leader of the Liberal Party

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3. Family Care
4. Stronger Public Pensions
5. Green Renovation Tax Credit

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"We can strengthen families – without raising your taxes – if we stop corporate give-aways, control wasteful spending like $30-billion fighter jets, and focus on what really matters: giving every Canadian the tools to succeed in the years ahead." - *Michael Ignatieff*

1 Learning Passport

- $1,000 a year over four years $4,000 in total into an RESP for every high school student to use when they go to college or university.
- For students in low income families, the amount will be $1,500 a year, or an extra $6,000 in total.

2 Early Childhood Learning and Care

- To give our kids the best start while giving parents access to affordable, quality child care, a Liberal government will create a new Early Childhood Learning and Care Fund.
- This fund will help create new child care spaces across Canada, with affordable fees, and qualified, professional staff.

3 Family Care

- A new Family Care Employment Insurance Benefit, similar to EI parental leave, to let you take six months off work to care for a gravely ill family member at home.
- A new Family Care Tax Benefit up to $1,350 annually, modeled on the Child Tax Benefit, to help low-and middle-income families manage costs.

4 Stronger Public Pensions

- Work with the provinces and territories to gradually expand the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), the most reliable, simple and low-cost way to save.
- A new Secure Retirement Option, which is a voluntary supplement that will let you top up your CPP. The SRO will make it easy to save for your retirement without the risk, costs and complexity of the stock market or RRSP's.
- Help low-income seniors with a $700 million boost to the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

5 Green Renovation Tax Credit

- A Liberal government will implement a Green Renovation Tax Credit of up to $13,500.
- This fund will help families with the up-front costs of energy-saving home renovations such as installing energy-efficient windows, improving insulation, replacing old appliances, and upgrading roofing.

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Beauty school found shut down

Beauty stations stand empty as people clean and clear out computers, belongings

When students of Giselle's School of Aesthetics returned from spring break, they learned they were still on vacation — albeit unwanted.

Lisa Dumont had only completed one month of a three-month nail tech program when she got a call from a friend yesterday morning, saying the doors were locked.

"It's closed down. It's done," she said. "They didn't give us a reason."

No one at the St. Mary's Road beauty school offered an explanation for the closure.

One woman who locked the door said, "This is devastating for all of us." She appeared to be a staff member. The woman refused to give her name, then left.

Dumont doesn't know if she will get her tuition back. The school administration said she may get a percentage of the $3,200 she paid, or she could use the money as tuition at another school.

"Just to reorganize my whole life is brutal," she said. "It's not fair as far as I'm concerned, because it was at the last second."

JESSICA SMITH

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

▶ Nail technician student Lisa Dumont outside the locked doors of Giselle's School of Aesthetics yesterday.

Earlier closure

▶ A satellite location of the same private beauty school, on Grant Avenue, also suddenly closed its doors in August 2009.

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Cyclists cite pothole problem

- Bike riders say rims getting dented
- City has 2 crews on road-repair duty
- Curbside repairs said to be harder

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Some Winnipeg cyclists say not enough is being done to fix potholes in curbside lanes.

"(The city) usually tends to fix potholes in the centre of the street, not on the edges," said Brady Pauls, a service technician at Gord's cycle and ski. "We do get quite a few commuters ... (who) complain about potholes and bent rims."

Wheel alignments cost about $25 to $30.

While City of Winnipeg crews can be seen working at repairing potholes, they're not always tending to the curbside lanes, where bicyclists travel.

"The curb lanes are very challenging for us to repair," said Ken Boyd, manager of street maintenance. "Curbside lanes collect runoff water, which then freezes and thaws, making it difficult to maintain."

Boyd encouraged cyclists and drivers to report potholes to 311, noting the city has received about 1,500 calls related to potholes since Jan. 1.

MORGAN MODJESKI/FOR METRO

▶ Wayne Muswagon eyes a pothole in Osborne Village yesterday.

Ingredients

Take one part road fatigue, add fluctuating temperatures and a dash of water, run it all over with a bunch of cars and you have the perfect pothole recipe.

▶ **Cracks.** Fractures in the cement eventually transform into small chunks that work themselves loose. Then the potholes grow as more chunks break loose.

▶ **Temperature changes.** The City of Winnipeg deals with more than its fair share of potholes due to fluctuating temperatures that thaw and freeze water on the roads, creating potholes faster.

ELISHA DACEY

Flood outlook stable following precipitation

Manitoba's wet weekend weather had little impact on flood forecasts, according to Steve Topping with the Manitoba Water Stewardship.

Precipitation that fell over the weekend caused the Red River to rise only slightly, by two to three feet; however, warnings are being issued in Fargo, N.D. The river there is nearing record crest levels.

4.3 Officials say floodwaters will naturally spill over into the Red River floodway as soon as next week, when it's forecast to hit 4.3 metres.

MORGAN MODJESKI

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▶ Steve Topping

News in brief

Police seek man after encounter

INVESTIGATION. Police are looking for a possible serial sexual offender after a man confronted a woman in her 60s in St. James early yesterday morning.

The woman managed to escape and wasn't seriously hurt.

ELISHA DACEY

Fire kills dogs, hospitalizes two women

BLAZE. A house fire on Jessie Avenue yesterday morning left two women injured and two dogs dead. The women were taken to hospital in stable condition. Two cats and one other dog were rescued.

ELISHA DACEY

Election is on, and so is voter apathy

The falling reputation of politicians may be connected to voter apathy, a panel discussed at the University of Manitoba yesterday.

The province's 16th premier, Ed Shrayer, who spoke at the forum with University of Winnipeg president Lloyd Axworthy and former Manitoba cabinet minister Jim Downey, sat down with Metro.

Is restoring the good name of politics connected with voter apathy?

Yes. I think one is a result of the other. The days of two-hour town hall meetings are more or less gone and has been replaced by electronic communication and the best they can do is 30-second sound bytes ... People sense if they're being answered in depth, with facts, or if they're being given the gears.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

▶ Ed Shrayer

If a candidate were to go into Winnipeg today and put up signs for a two-hour town hall meeting, would people show up?

I can't answer. I just rather hope that I could reply to your question by saying "Yes."

What can today's politicians do to encourage youth to vote?

Electronic media. I think it can grab the attention of the younger set, better than the older set.

JESSICA SMITH

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- **@BRITTANYMARIA:** Voting disempowers genuine democracy and it supports a flawed election method. Voting does not really influence change in society. We need to engage in community building and direct action.
- **@REBEKAHFUNK:** if you're a member of the media, not voting adds an air of credibility and impartiality to election coverage.

Smoking ban likely: Steeves

Councillor says balance between civil liberties, health risks needed

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Winnipeg City Council will likely approve a proposal to ban smoking outdoors at city sports fields, schools and playgrounds, said Gord Steeves, chair of the committee that passed the motion yesterday.

Some councillors wanted to expand the ban to patios, but that went too far, Steeves said. "Smoking is not good for you, but it's still legal."

The committee added an amendment to include banning smoking on health-care grounds — something the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority asked for.

WRHA spokesperson Dr. Sande Marlos said second-hand smoke is dangerous outdoors. "The worst-case scenario is it can trigger someone to actually have a heart attack. Where people are who have health problems (like hospitals), that's where we need to have greater protection."

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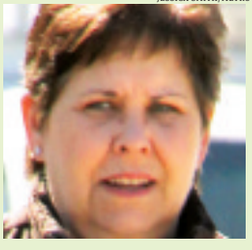

"We're making a mess and now that it's spring it shows. I wouldn't mind walking across the street."
LORRAINE LINDSEY, SMOKING OUTSIDE VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

▶Anne Johnson, left, with two others in their scrubs near the Victoria Hospital having a cigarette.

Winnipeg figures in Rochette's future

The figure skater who captured the hearts of Canadians during the 2010 Olympics will be at the Investors Group Heart Truth Luncheon on June 23.

Joannie Rochette will be raising awareness of heart disease. She lost her mother to a heart attack just days before she skated to a bronze medal finish. METRO

Martin set to play in the 'Peg

Comedian Steve Martin is performing in Winnipeg in July — but it won't be a stand-up act.

Martin is bringing his brand of bluegrass to the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on July 27, along with his band, the Steep Canyon Rangers. Martin plays banjo and is the lead singer.

The performance is in support of their latest album, Rare Bird Alert.

ELISHA DACEY

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Steve Martin

Bedbug list vetoed

A city committee voted against a proposal to make the locations of bedbug infestations public yesterday.

JESSICA SMITH

Abortion, gay marriage not on agenda: Harper

Prime minister tries to clear the air about supposed 'secret' Tory priorities Hot-button issues emerge as Conservatives aim for majority

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Two-year-old Ethan Bobak cheers for Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he answers media questions following a campaign event at Ethan's grandfather's farm in Wainfleet, Ont., yesterday.

Stephen Harper says Canadians don't have to worry about a secret agenda if they give him his first majority government.

The prime minister told supporters in the Niagara Falls region yesterday he would not try to pass laws against abortion or same-sex marriage if elected with a majority.

Harper was not asked and did not say whether he would support a private member's bill on the issues.

In answer to a question from a reporter, Harper said he would implement promises in his platform if given a majority, stressing those two issues are not a priority with the party.

He would, however, move to abolish the long-gun registry, which he said has been a long-standing position of his party.

The Conservatives have long been plagued with the spectre of a secret agenda should they have enough seats in the House of Commons to override opposition checks, an issue that has dogged their campaign in past elections.

"Abolishing the long-gun registry is a position of the Conservative party held by every single member of the caucus."
PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER

The issue is emerging again because some recent polls show the party within striking distance of forming a majority.

Harper is gearing his campaign on picking up the additional dozen or so seats he needs for a majority.

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Liberals make gains in Week 1: Poll

A new poll suggests the Liberals made modest gains on the Tories at the end of the federal election campaign's first week.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll put the NDP at 17 per cent, while the Bloc Québécois stood at 10 per cent and the Greens at eight.

The results are almost identical to the federal election standings that delivered a Conservative minority government in 2008.

The phone survey of 1,000 people has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll put the Conservatives at 35 per cent support, ahead of the Liberals at 28 per cent.

Grits promise paid education for veterans

"We've got the largest number of veterans returning from combat since the Korean War."
LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

Canadian soldiers can expect four years of government-paid education or technical training after they leave the military under a Liberal government, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday.

He's billing the measure as something that could change the way soldiers are recruited in Canada.

"These are people who put their lives on the line for us and for the freedom of others," Ignatieff said, as he detailed the latest plank in his party's platform.

The program would cost about $60 million a year.

The Liberal leader said the plan is permanent, calling it "by far the most ambitious program of support for veterans in a generation or two." THE CANADIAN PRESS

PUBLIC PENSIONS

NDP pitches retirement security plan

The NDP wants to see a big expansion of Canada's public pension system.

New Democrat Leader Jack Layton says the Canada Pension Plan has been long neglected by successive Conservative and Liberal governments.

The retirement security of millions of people has eroded over the last decade and his party intends to set it right, Layton said in Toronto.

"Our focus is to build a Canada Pension Plan system that will be good for all Canadians and ensure that every senior can live in dignity and with security when they look forward to their retirement," Layton said.

He's proposing to gradually double CPP and QPP benefits in conjunction with the provinces, a measure that could require a 2.5 per cent increase in payroll deductions.
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Police look into election sign defacing

The campaign team of the federal Liberal candidate in Nepean-Carleton has asked Ottawa police to investigate after his campaign signs were vandalized.

More than 100 signs placed on public property by Ryan Keon's campaign team were tagged with crude drawings resembling crosshairs of a rifle scope and other vandalism overnight on Friday.

Keon says the signs had black spray paint as well as graphic and explicit messages on them.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missing B.C. couple last seen in U.S.

RCMP officers and the family of a middle-aged Penticton, B.C. couple who vanished two weeks ago en route to a trade show in Las Vegas have so far come up empty-handed in their search efforts.

On Sunday, police released the last known photographs of Albert and Rita Chretien while their son also tried to determine his next steps in the search.

The still shots released by RCMP show the couple paying for gas at a Shell station in Oregon state on March 19.
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Radioactive water dumped into Pacific

More than 3 gallons purposely pumped from tsunami-crippled plant

Workers began pumping contaminated water from Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant into the Pacific Ocean yesterday, freeing storage space for even more highly radioactive water that has hampered efforts to stabilize the reactors.

It will take about two days to pump most of the less-radioactive water out of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, whose cooling systems were knocked out by the magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami on March 11. Radioactivity is quickly diluted in the ocean, and government officials said the dump should not affect safety of seafood.

Since the disaster, water with different levels of radioactivity has been pooling throughout the plant. People who live within 20 kilometres have been evacuated.

The pooling water has damaged systems and the radiation hazard has prevented workers from getting close enough to power up cooling systems needed to stabilize dangerously vulnerable fuel rods.

On Saturday, they discovered radioactive water was pouring into the ocean. The less-radioactive water officials are purposely dumping is up to 500 times the legal limit for radiation.

Workers plan to install screens made of polyester fabric to try to stop some of the contamination in the ocean from spreading. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/JAPAN COAST GUARD

▶ A rescued dog, Ban, immediately jumped to her owner and wagged her tail at their reunion yesterday after members of the Japan Coast Guard found her Friday, drifting on the roof of a house floating off Kesennuma, northeastern Japan, three weeks after the March 11 tsunami.

Free-for-all crime spree takes hold of Egypt

Gunmen kidnapped a grandniece of Anwar Sadat and demanded a ransom. In one southern city, robbers didn't bother to wait until dark to target pedestrians. In another, a brawl between two school children led to a gunbattle that killed five.

A police state barely three months ago, Egypt has seen crime soar 200 per cent since Hosni Mubarak's ouster from the presidency. Murder, violent theft and kidnapping are leading the surge, security officials said.

In many ways, this country of more than 80 million has become a free-for-all for criminals taking advantage of a weakened police force and political uncertainty.

With police hardly visible in Cairo, masked gunmen in two cars kidnapped a grandniece of Sadat — Egypt's president until he was assassinated in 1981 — while she was driven to school on Sunday morning at the upscale suburb of Heliopolis.

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▶ Then Egyptian president Anwar Sadat in Sinai, Egypt, in a 1980 photo.

Zeina Effat Sadat's family car was intercepted by one of the gunmen who forced his way into the girl's vehicle. The kidnappers later beat the driver and forced the girl into one of their cars.

The 12-year-old was released yesterday after her father paid ransom. Police later arrested six men for their alleged role in the kidnapping and found a briefcase in their possession with two million pounds (about $340,000), according to security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

They said the kidnappers, who included university graduates, had demanded five million pounds (about $840,000) in ransom.

The uptick in crime is part of a broader climate of anxiety and uncertainty gripping Egypt in the post-Mubarak era.

The youth groups behind the uprising fear that the generals who took charge from Mubarak are reluctant to dismantle the former president's legacy. They are frustrated over their lack of action five months ahead of a parliamentary election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Southwest planes found to have cracks

Three more Southwest Airlines jetliners have small, subsurface cracks that are similar to the ones suspected in the fuselage tear on another of its planes.

Federal aviation officials are considering an order for other airlines to inspect their aircraft. Since the tear, Southwest grounded 79 aircraft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Libyan forces push into oil town Brega

Rebel fighters pushed back into Brega yesterday, seizing half of the oil town and pledging to drive out Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's forces in hours in an advance that would open a vital conduit for oil sales by the opposition.

Control of Brega's small refinery and Mediterranean port could significantly boost the rebels' hunt for revenues to purchase heavy weapons for the fight against Gadhafi's better-equipped troops and militiamen.

Lightly armed and loosely organized opposition forces have surged into Brega in recent weeks from eastern Libya, only to be driven out by Gadhafi loyalists exploiting the rebels' inability to hold territory. The opposition has now placed the front lines under the control of former military men, creating a more disciplined advance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRING BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Canadian firms curb enthusiasm

Rising oil and food prices, along with the persistent strength of the loonie, are chipping away at plans by Canadian businesses to hire and reinvest, the Bank of Canada says.

Its spring business outlook survey shows Canadian firms remain bullish about the future, but less so than three months ago. Overall, it shows that the economic recovery is advancing, and more firms are operating near capacity.

But high prices for energy and food are having a negative effect on household spending, and the firms say they expect a more moderate pace of sales growth, investment and hiring over the next 12 months than in the previous year.

The central bank uses the findings in its deliberations over interest-rate policy, but nothing in the report suggests governor Mark Carney is primed to hike rates on April 12, the next opportunity.

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Market moment

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
+ 88.2 (14,218.25)	– 0.33¢ (103.36¢ US)	+ 53¢ US ($108.47 US)	$4.289 US (– 7.3¢ US)

Gold contracts $1,433 US (+ $4.10 US)

Google eyes Nortel patents, research

▶ Google Inc. has bid $900 million US for about 6,000 patents from Nortel, whose corporate headquarters is in Toronto.

Deal would propel Google into telecom market ◐ Auction in June

Global tech titan Google Inc. wants to scoop up the Nortel Networks patent portfolio, and is willing to pay at least $900 million US for the package.

Google's stalking-horse offer, for what is practically the last major asset to be sold by the bankrupt Canadian technology giant, will be the opening bid in an auction that could push the final price higher. The deal would provide legal rights to a broad range of telecom technologies.

Kent Walker, counsel for California-based Google, says the company hopes the patents will help it and its partners to innovate.

The ultimate monetary value of the patents is difficult to judge, however, since it depends on how useful they are in making products that generate revenue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Patents pending

Nortel was Canada's largest spender on R & D, but some of its work was either a technological dead end or too advanced for the times.

▶ **Google seeks about 6,000** patents including 4G wireless, data networking, optical, voice, Internet, semiconductor and other portfolios.

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Toyota to close U.S. plants

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▶ A Toyota worker photographs vehicles damaged by the March 11 tsunami at Sendai port in northeastern Japan.

Toyota Motor Corp. will have to shut down North American factories due to a shortage of parts from Japan. However, Toyota Canada's plants in Cambridge and Woodstock, Ont., will remain open, the company said yesterday.

The U.S. shutdowns will likely take place this month, affecting about 25,000 workers. But no layoffs are expected. Just how long the closures would last was not announced.

Toyota gets about 15 per cent of its parts from Japan for cars and trucks built in North America. The company has more than a dozen North American factories.

The shortage of parts has affected other automakers as well. Last week, Ford Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. said several plants would be closed for part of this month, and Chrysler said it will see disruptions.

Nissan Americas is closing five North American plants for several days this month because of parts supply disruptions.

Meanwhile, Honda Motor Co. plans to restart its Sayama Plant and Suzuka Factory on April 11. When those two plants come back on line, all of Honda's auto-assembly factories will be back in operation, but they'll be running at about half the normal rate because of parts shortages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Keystone pipeline needs safeguards: Expert

A New York Times editorial slamming the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline shows the PR campaigns touting the benefits of Canadian crude are not working, an energy policy expert says.

The weekend article called the environmental risks "enormous," and urged Secretary of State Hillary Clinton not to approve the project.

Andrew Leach of the University of Alberta says industry and government must back up their talk with a proven environmental monitoring system.

The $13-billion pipeline would carry crude from the oilsands to refineries in Texas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

ENGAGING CHARACTERS

There comes a time in your mid- to late 20s when you start to realize that all of your friends are getting engaged. Suddenly, all of those long-term couples that seemed perfectly content to cohabitate are putting a ring on it and making it official.

When announcing upcoming nuptials to friends and family, the newly betrothed can expect a diverse range of reactions. Jubilant shrieks of excitement are not uncommon, as are tactless inquiries about carat size from nosy co-workers. And while there are plenty of books on wedding etiquette, not everyone understands the proper protocol when it comes to engagements. Here are just a few of the not-so-well-mannered characters you might encounter after you announce that you are tying the knot.

The pressure-cooker friend

"So, have you picked a date ... thought about the flowers ... booked a photographer?" This hyper-organized pal will whip up a spreadsheet of wedding related to-dos before you have even finished your first glass of celebratory champagne.

The desperate to be in the wedding party friend

Expect this friend to spend a lot of time reminding you just how close you are — the very ambitious campaigners might even deliver a Why I Deserve To Be Your Maid Of Honour/Best Man speech in an attempt to secure a spot up at the altar. Alternatively, some friends will disappear from your radar entirely in the hopes you don't ask them to don pink taffeta on the big day.

The disapproving friend

Inevitably, some friends will choose the moments following your engagement to let you know how they really feel. Disapproving pals will complain about losing their fun single friend, inquire whether or not you are really ready for this commitment and insinuate that maybe you could do better.

The why couldn't it have been me friend

This Debbie Downer will find any way to turn your happy news into an "it's all about me" situation. After she offers a half-hearted "congratulations" you will find yourself consoling her while she hosts her own pity party and delivers a self-absorbed monologue on her own failed romantic life.

While there are plenty of wrong ways to behave around the bride and groom-to-be there is really only one thing you need to know about post-engagement decorum: Act happy, even if you're not. If you want to be a good friend, send a card, but keep your opinions to yourself.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

Worth mentioning

NICOSIA, Cyprus. A jailed Cypriot murderer ordered his brother to dig up the corpse of the island's former president and hide it so he could negotiate his own release from prison, a court ruled yesterday.

The court found the jailed murderer, his brother and another man guilty of unlawfully exhuming the body of Tassos Papadopoulos.

Papadopoulos's corpse was snatched from a Nicosia cemetery during an overnight storm in December 2009 and reburied three months later after police found his body and arrested the suspects.

The case shocked public opinion, and even touched off rumours of political motivation in light of ongoing talks to reunify the island that was split into a Greek Cypriot south and a breakaway Turkish Cypriot north in 1974.

Papadopoulos served as president between 2003 and 2008, and died of cancer that year at 74, months after losing a re-election bid to current President Dimitris Christofias.

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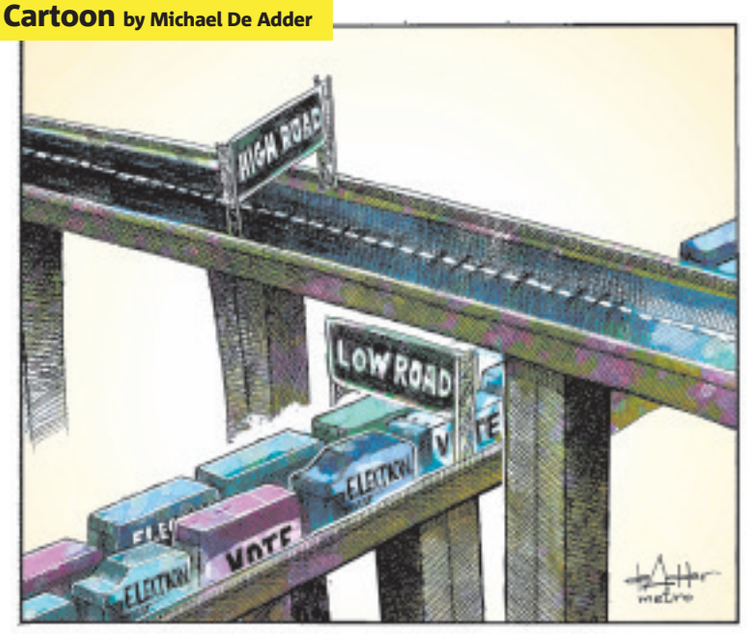

WEIRD NEWS

'Sacred' turtle puts up a fight in Vietnam

Veterinarians examined a rare giant turtle considered sacred by many Vietnamese at a makeshift hospital in Hanoi yesterday to check mysterious lesions afflicting one of the last four known members of its species.

The giant soft-shell turtle, which has a shell the size of a desk and is estimated to weigh approximately 200 kilograms, was pulled from a lake in the heart of the capital Sunday.

Tests were being run to try to pinpoint what is ailing the creature, said Tim McCormack, program co-ordinator of the Asian Turtle Program. He said photos taken of it in a holding tank showed injuries on its legs and elsewhere, but it was not yet clear how serious they are.

The animal is believed to be about 80 to 100 years old, though many Vietnamese believe it is the same mythical creature said to have helped King Le Loi fend off the Chinese nearly six centuries ago. It took 50 workers two hours Sunday to net the turtle and put it in a cage. It is the first time anyone has captured the creature, which escaped through two nets during a similar rescue attempt last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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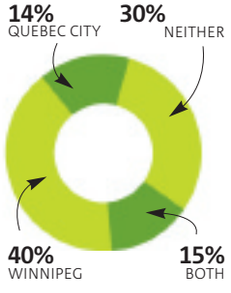
Which city do you think will get an NHL team?



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Local tweets

- **@leefroese:** Anybody in Winnipeg know if the civic parkade got rid of free motorcycle/scooter parking? Seems there's a large dumpster there now.
- **@TheRielSusan:** @metrowinnipeg seems to be the story all over town today. It's a good sign for print news in #winnipeg
- **@visuallizard:** If you are ever looking for something to do in Winnipeg, we just made theforks.com much better!
- **@rybrow:** Haven't enjoyed a film as much as Guy Maddin's "My Winnipeg" for many months.
- **@zenasison:** @SteveMartinToGo Hey Steve ... can't believe you're coming to Winnipeg. Can you sign my banjo?
- **@RichardTeam:** Canada's housing boom is basically just down to Vancouver. We saw a 19.4% increase in Feb prices from 2010. Nearest city Winnipeg showed 6%
- **@robindudgeon:** Read my first copy of @metrowinnipeg and it looks great I could get used to reading this!

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▶ The Kennedys mini-series debuts Sunday on History Television.

Stepping into the shoes of an American legend

Canadian actor John White plays the young John F. Kennedy in The Kennedys mini-series

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For Mississauga, Ont., native John White, shooting The Kennedys was as much a homecoming as a learning experience.

"I moved back with the parents during filming," says the Los Angeles-based actor who plays the young John "Jack" Kennedy in the miniseries, which was shot in and around Toronto last year. "On days off, I hung around set and watched Greg Kinnear (who plays the older JFK) and others. Which is somewhat unusual. Usually on a film it's all about showing up, doing your job, and getting the hell out of the way. But the director (Jon Cassar) encouraged it."

The four-part, eight hour The Kennedys follows the famous family's tragedy-strewn personal lives from the 1930s through John F. Kennedy's shortened presidency.

Besides Kinnear, the behind-the-scenes drama stars Barry Pepper (as Bobby), Katie Holmes (Jackie) and Tom Wilkinson as family patriarch Joe Kennedy Sr..

It was Joe Sr. who first envisioned a presidency for his son; though not the son you'd expect.

"Joe favoured older son Joe Jr.," says White. "But after he was killed in the war, Jack sort of became the favourite son by default. And so he had to take the reigns."

White — who is probably best known as Erik Stiffler from the American Pie movie series — says the Kennedys' familiar Boston-Harvard accent could get a little tricky at times. White says he honed it by watching old presidential speeches.

"You'd go a little too far with it sometimes," he said "But we had a great dialect coach. He'd help tweak the accent and tell you when it just wasn't good."

Though the Kennedy story is well-chronicled, White says there are a few things about John F. Kennedy that might shock people.

"I was surprised by how many health problems he had. But he dealt with it with a real wicked sense of humour. I read some of his personal letters, which are real funny. Can't repeat them here though."

Part one of The Kennedys, featuring John White, airs Sunday on History Television.

Scene in brief

Well, Arnold Schwarzenegger IS back.

The one-time muscleman who morphed into Hollywood icon and then California governor returns to his on-screen core - sort of - with a cheekily titled animated TV show, The Governator.

In an interview, the 63-year-old said he wants to surprise fans who expected him to go back to the big screen, shifting to the virtual world with a superhero who gets things done without the constraints of laws or an often-intractable political system.

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Fans carry Taylor Swift to ACM entertainer of the year, Miranda Lambert wins 4 awards

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TRON's tech magic wows again

TRON: Legacy
Genre: Scifi
Director: Joseph Kosinski
Stars: Jeff Bridges, Bruce Boxleitner
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As dumb as the tech-heavy script was, and as primitive as the graphics were (today they look like an animated black light painting), the original was undeniably savvy about the future.

The long-tinkered sequel TRON: Legacy is similarly on the threshold of a new world. Appealing both to nostalgists and futurists, it modestly expands the original story and reunites two key cast members (Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner) while anticipating a near future of film where the aging of actors no longer matters.

In this latter regard, Bridges plays Flynn both old and young: the beneficiary of an electronic Fountain of Youth. The committee-written script is framed as a ho-hum rescue mission, in which Flynn's 27-year-old son Sam (Garrett Hedlund) zaps himself to the Grid, discovering a world of constant gamer warfare he's obliged to join.

PETER HOWELL

Little Fockers
Genre: Comedy
Director: David Bowers
Stars: Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Teri Polo
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Erection jokes with Robert De Niro? Yes, it has come to this. 10 years after Meet the Parents implausibly took a stale sitcom premise about awful in-laws to major box-office coin, the once-great actor is reduced to shilling for the cheapest of laughs. Little Fockers is the third and demonstrably worst in the series,

and De Niro's strained antics are major reason for this. There is being a good sport and there is career suicide, and De Niro is skating perilously close to the edge. The title refers not only to the inevitable offspring of Ben Stiller's in-law fearing Greg Focker and wife Pam (Teri Polo).

PETER HOWELL

Charlie Sheen show: Disaster Recovery Tour

Torontonians try to unload tickets Boos in Detroit, but ovations in Chicago On-stage interview format goes over better with fans

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Charlie Sheen

After a disastrous first night in Detroit for his Violent Torpedo of Truth Tour, Charlie Sheen says he stayed up until 4:30 a.m. reworking the show for its second night in Chicago, where he was greeted with a standing ovation instead of boos, according to E! Online. "Got to go with what got you to the dance and give the people what they want," Sheen says.

"On the bus someone said, 'You know, we could just keep driving to LA.' I said, 'F--- that. That's what losers do. I won.'"

Scrapping the video segments and opening acts from the first night, the Chicago show reportedly consisted of Sheen sitting in a chair, smoking and being interviewed by the tour's co-producer.

In Toronto, Canadians hoping to make a profit off Sheen's upcoming tour dates have, thus far, not been winning.

The volatile star will perform in Toronto on April 14 and 15 and in Vancouver on May 2.

But Craigslist and Stubhub are already crowded with vendors looking to sell tickets at cost or below, and many of the hopeful sellers are reporting tepid interest — at best.

"It's been a pretty tough go," said 27-year-old Richmond Hill, Ont., resident Jordan Resnick, who has two pairs he's trying to move at face value on Craigslist.

"(I've received) pretty much no messages. I'm hoping to get rid of them at cost so I don't have a loss, but there might be a loss there even."

Sheen's second show in Chicago seemed to go more smoothly (with a grateful crowd lauding Sheen with a standing ovation). He changed up the format for his 20-city road show after bombing in Detroit, using a master of ceremonies who asked the former Two and a Half Men star questions during Sunday night's performance.

The changes seem to have helped. Audience members said the second performance on Sheen's tour wasn't stellar, but it at least had some amusing moments.

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Kiera Knightley

Kiera has new rocker boyfriend

Keira Knightley has apparently moved on after her split from boyfriend Rupert Friend earlier this year, as the actress has reportedly been dating Klaxons keyboardist and singer James Righton, according to the Daily Mirror.

"She's extremely happy right now and really enjoying spending time with James. He's a real rocker and a lovely guy with it and she likes that whole scene — lately she's become far more rock and roll," a source says, being quick to add that the pair are keeping things pretty quiet at the moment.

"Keira's really smitten with James but wants to just quietly get on with it and see what happens. She certainly won't be stepping out on a red carpet with James in the near future. It's really early days."

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Celebrity tweets

@MissKelly0

"although i am on the most beautiful island i have ever been on and i am having the time of my life i really really miss my dogs!"

@samantharonson

"The age your child is when I meet him/her is the age that child will remain to me. So don't be mad when i bring a rattle to HS graduation."

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"You'd think grocery on sunday night would be quiet n fast!? Forget it, its so busy. Why sunday? Go home..I hate lines....lol"

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"Ageism? You tell me. Apparently, I was NOT cast as Will Smith's son in an upcoming film because I was too old."

Brit wants wedding bells?

Britney Spears is reportedly desperate to tie the knot again after serving as a bridesmaid in her assistant's wedding earlier this year, according to the Sun.

"After all her ups and downs Brit is craving stability — hence her broodiness at the moment — and she just wants to settle down with (boyfriend) Jason (Trawick) and do it all again the right way," a source says. "She feels like getting married again and having more children is the next step." METRO

Britney Spears

Lohan hopes for work

Despite her legal troubles, Lindsay Lohan is reportedly eager to get back to work, and is eyeing a part in Zack Snyder's new "Superman" move, according to Radar Online. A source says she will read for the part on Wednesday. But with shooting set to begin in August, Lohan's availability remains a question. If she is found guilty of grand theft, she would lilely be serving jail time, the source says.

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Hurley files for divorce

Elizabeth Hurley is ending her marriage and has filed divorce papers in London, according to Us Weekly. Hurley and Arun Nayar split last year after four years together. Hurley, who's been filming scenes for the Wonder Woman TV series, has reportedly been getting serious with Australian cricket star Shane Warne. METRO

Kwantem deals with true blood

True Blood star Ryan Kwantem rushed to the aid of a bloodied man in Hollywood over the weekend, according to Us Weekly. "There was a bloody guy lying in the middle of the street," says a source, adding Kwantem "jumped out of his car and raced over." Kwantem helped move the man to the sidewalk and stayed until paramedics arrived. METRO

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More pain, more gain

Building muscle is the quickest way to a healthy body, says star of Thintervention Jackie Warner gives you tips to get that buff body

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Bursts of exercise are best for burning belly blubber.

If you want to fast-track towards a buff body, you're better off doing shorter, higher-intensity exercises than slow, steady-state exercise, according to many studies.

"It's not how long it's how hard," says Jackie Warner, a personal trainer in Hollywood and star of Bravo's new show Thintervention. "Even if you wanted to do 15 minutes a day, do that to muscle failure."

Warner's prescription for a bikini body: Work out five days a week. Here's a taste of what she suggests: Walk fast (up a hill, preferably) for two minutes, then run fast for two minutes and then walk slowly for a minute. Repeat this five-minute cycle three more times to equal 20 total minutes. Then, lift some weights that use two or three muscle groups. Do six exercise sets with very little rest in between.

"You will definitely get results with this intense style of training," Warner told Metro.

More and more evidence shows this is true. Scientists in Australia recently published results of a review of worldwide studies on high-intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE). HIIE was found to increase fitness, lower insulin resistance, build muscle and burn belly fat more effectively than low-intensity steady-state exercise.

"High-intensity bursts of exercise put stress on your heart to increase oxygenation to the muscle," says Warner. "Building muscle is the quickest way to a healthy body. It is the only thing that speeds up metabolism so a person can burn calories while resting."

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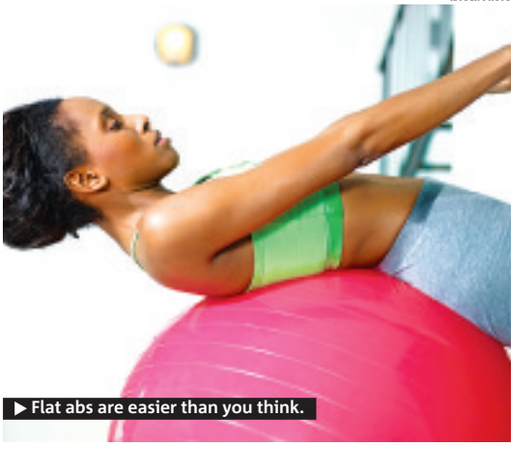

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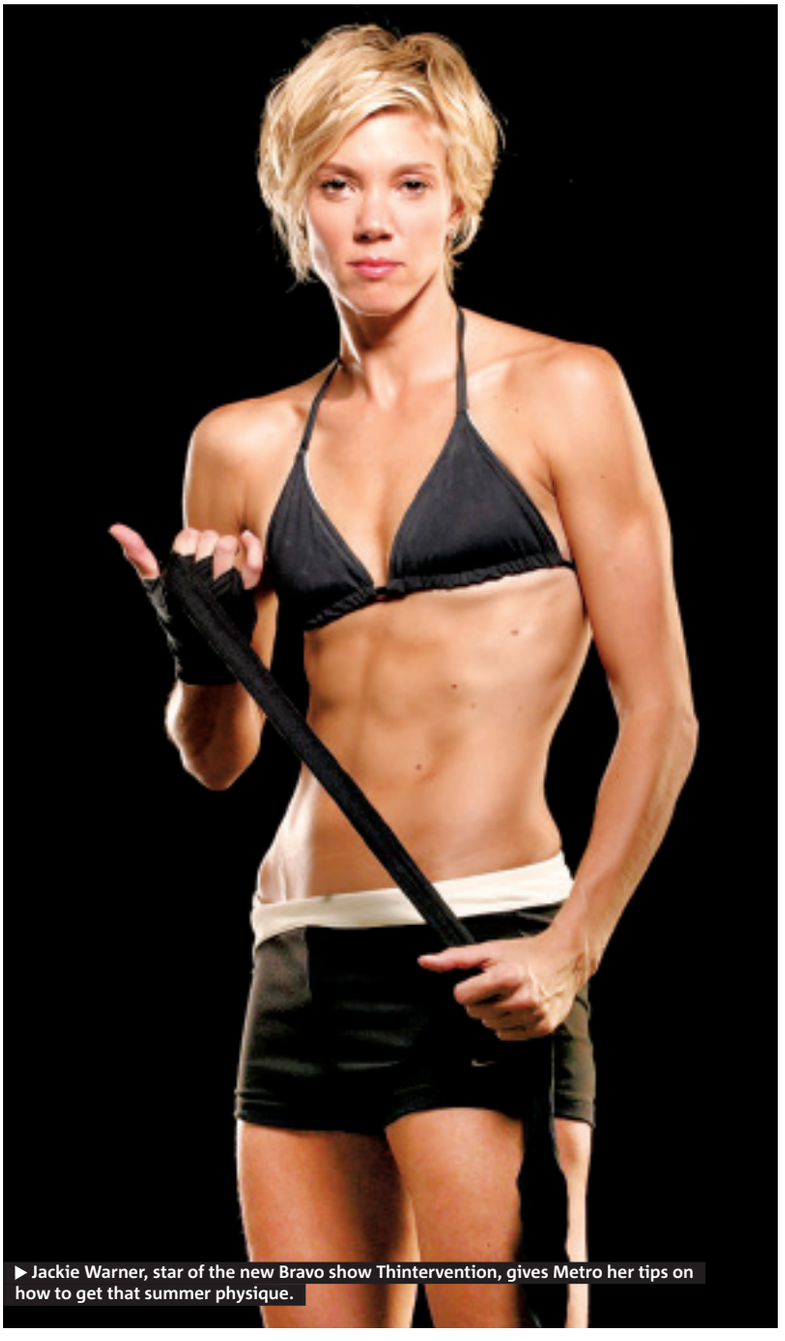

▶ Jackie Warner, star of the new Bravo show Thintervention, gives Metro her tips on how to get that summer physique.

Alzheimer's

Two international research groups have identified a total of five new genes related to late-onset Alzheimer's disease and opened up new areas of research into what causes the progressive brain-destroying condition.

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Blood donors excluded if they spent six months in Saudi Arabia from 1980-96

Is fruit making me fat?

Weight Watchers's new points scheme gives fruit a zero value, making it an all your can eat food.

But some believe that eating too much could expand your waistline.

Fruit is packed with all sorts of goodness — vitamins, fibre, antioxidants — but the high fructose content can be a problem for people with high cholesterol or diabetes.

"Some fresh fruits including pineapple, mango and banana and dried fruit like figs have a higher calorie content than others such as water melon or berries," says nutritionist and dietician Amanda Ursell.

ROMINA McGUINNESS

Health SOS: Dehydration decoded

Lee Mullins, health expert at London, U.K.'s Bodyism Clinic, offers up signs of dehydration.

1. Urine colour is dark yellow. It should be clear and odourless.
2. Back or joint pain. Water hydrates your spine and muscles.
3. Dry skin. Flush those toxins out.
4. Fatigue. When dehydrated, the body's immune system becomes suppressed, and in come the colds and flu. Watch out for headaches, too.

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Cutting test wait times

Rapid results clinic provides faster reports for prostate biopsy patients

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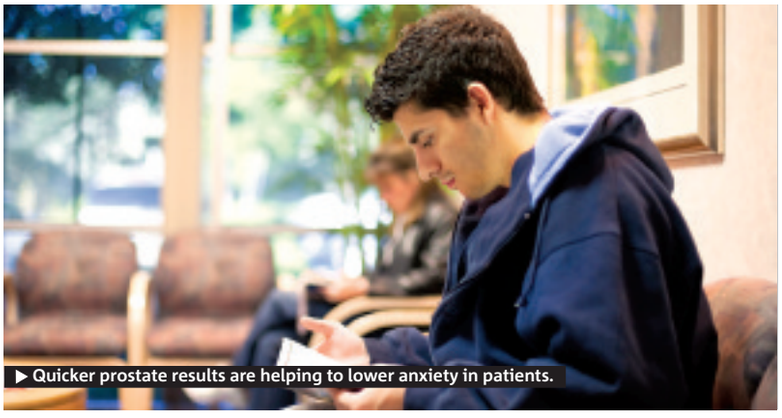

▶ Quicker prostate results are helping to lower anxiety in patients.

Waiting the typical two to three weeks for the results of a prostate cancer biopsy can be agonizing for men and their families, but at least one Canadian hospital is trying to change that.

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto has instituted a rapid results clinic that cuts the wait time for diagnosis for most patients to three days following a prostate biopsy.

It's not that the hospital has changed the way biopsy samples are scrutinized for tumours — over the last three months, it has merely speeded up the process through more efficient use of its pathology department, which includes three pathologists who specialize in the finicky assessment of prostate tissue.

"So you get your answer within 72 hours, and not only that but to be able to be seen by a cancer specialist if you're diagnosed with cancer right away, right after the diagnosis, is I think a very efficient and unique process," said Dr. Robert Nam, a urologic oncologist at Sunnybrook.

Speeding up testing has not altered the accuracy of prostate biopsy results, nor has it affected other pathology tests, he noted.

"With the rapid biopsy clinic, it really improves patients' lives in terms of their level of anxiety," said Nam, recalling that when patients in the past were told they didn't have cancer after waiting two to three weeks, "the relief on their face was unbelievable."

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Your bag can hurt you

One rarely leaves their house without thee things: keys, a wallet and a hand (or man) bag. But repeated carrying of a heavy bag could negatively affect your gait, and extensive use could lead to ankle, knee, hip and back problems, according to Lee Mullins. Pack light for spring. But don't forget that water bottle.

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A taste of Korea in the most unexpected place

Kimch'i Café serves up a creative fusion menu — with a side of yarn

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You've just walked into a yarn shop looking for Bibimbap.

Kimch'i Café shares its space with Where the Wool Things Are. On one side is the small yarn store and on the other is a little café with a counter to place your order.

Think of the menu as Korean meets Canadian. The Korean Sub ($7.25) offers fresh white or whole wheat bread with a choice beef, pork, chicken or tofu.

On top of the protein is chili mayo, crisp carrots, daikon, cucumber and mozzarella. Although the tofu is thin, it is nicely marinated.

The Korean Tacos ($6.95) are soft with the same choice of toppings as the sub. The bulgogi beef is tender under lettuce, peppers, red onion, cheese and sour cream.

A few other sub variations are offered, along with an all-day Filipino breakfast. The service is friendly, and if you feel inspired, pick up some yarn on the way out.

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▶ Korean tacos and a Korean sub from Kimch'i Café

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Rating: 4 out of 5

Cherry Raisin Bread Pudding

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Ingredients:

- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups (500 mL) 1 % milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- 4 cups (1 L) raisin bread (cut into 3/4-inch/2 cm cubes)
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) dried tart cherries
- 1 large, very ripe banana, quartered lengthwise; cut into 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick pieces

Creamy Topping (optional)

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light sour cream
- 4 tsp (20 mL) packed brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) finely grated orange rind
- Pinch ground cinnamon

Preparation:

1. In bowl whisk together egg, milk, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Place two-thirds of bread in 8 inch (2 L) square baking dish. Top with cherries, banana slices and remaining bread.
2. Pour egg mix evenly over bread mix. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven, uncovered, for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near centre comes out clean. Let cool slightly.
3. Creamy Topping: Meanwhile stir together sour cream, brown sugar, orange rind and cinnamon. Top pudding and serve.

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Superfood: Pecans

"Eating a handful (30 grams) of pecans a day could improve heart health."

A study carried out by Loma Linda University in the U.S.A. shows that the nut is particularly rich in gamma tocopherol, an antioxidant found in vitamin E that helps reduce inflammation in arteries.

"The idea is to substitute the nuts for the unhealthy fats currently present in your diet such as fatty meat or high fat cheese," explains lead researcher Ella Haddad. "Swapping these foods for pecans will help keep your calorie intake down."

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A gourmet sandwich on the go

A grilled cheese practically defines comfort, all crispy bread and gooey cheese.

And a grilled cheese is the perfect base to add other flavours, whether you fancy a slice of tomato or a little ham or turkey.

This version is similar to a grilled ham and cheese for adults. It pairs salty prosciutto with creamy, earthy blue cheese.

A touch of sweetness from apricot preserves balances the sandwich.

This quick and flavourful lunch would be great served with arugula salad and balsamic vinaigrette.

Preparation:

1. To assemble the sandwich, spread 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the apricot preserves on each slice of bread.
2. Sprinkle one slice with the blue cheese, then top with prosciutto. Sprinkle with black pepper and top with the other slice of bread, preserves to the inside. Brush each side with olive oil.
3. Using a panini press or a skillet, cook the sandwich 3 to 4 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the bread is golden brown. If using a skillet, flip the sandwich after 2 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 2 thick slices country-style sourdough bread
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) apricot preserves
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Great Hill blue cheese, or other creamy raw milk blue cheese
- 2 slices prosciutto
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil

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▶ A touch of sweetness from apricot persevere balances this sandwich.

A SUCCESSFUL PICK UP ATTEMPT

Names: Tracy, 34, and Alan, 32

Hometown: Vancouver

Together since: 2009

Their story:

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▶ Tracy & Alan met at Denny's

One extremely-tired Sunday, I (Alan) happened to be at Denny's (where I only go maybe once every three years) with a good friend of mine, Leah.

We were slightly hungover and were cracking jokes left and right, having a great time and laughing loudly.

Over Leah's shoulder, I thought I noticed a pretty girl making eyes at me. I didn't have my contacts in so I asked Leah to see if she really was all that. We tried to time it so as to not get caught but, of course, we failed.

The instant Leah turned around, the girl looked up and locked eyes with her — busted! After a lengthy discussion, Leah and I agreed on my plan of attack. I went up to the girl's table and was about to open my mouth when six people walked in front of me. I stood there waiting, trying not to look like a weirdo, then dropped my business card in front of her and said, "Call me."

Leah and I had a laugh about my pick up attempt in the parking lot, but to my surprise, I got a text shortly thereafter with the mystery girl's name, Tracy.

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WARM UP TO KIDS

Are pets a good warm up to having kids?

Angela says ...

If you're thinking about a fish, then absolutely not. But if you're talking about a six-week-old Burmese mountain puppy that requires nearly 24-7 care as it adjusts to your city apartment, you're on the right track. Keep in mind you won't be making nearly as many decisions with pets as crop up with children: Cloth or disposable diapers? Organic soap? Formula versus breast milk?

Derek says...

Some people have a difficult time even remembering to feed their fish. And while some owners like to pamper their pets with "holistic" food made from duck, oatmeal and six types of vegetables, it's just not the same as raising a child. Can you answer these questions: Who is going to walk the dog before and after work every day/night (rain or shine)? Who will clean up after the first nasty accident on the couch? Who will take the dog to the vet regularly? If you can't answer those questions, perhaps you should avoid having a pet ... or a child!

Don't forget your folks

ON MONEY

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Helping or supporting an elderly parent is an increasing fact of life, and can be a financial burden. Here are three tax saving tips from H & R Block to help. First off, you need to make sure your parents' taxes are filed even if nothing is payable. This is particularly important if the parent or parents are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Like other government programs it depends on an up-to-date tax return.

Family matters:

- One-in-three Canadians age 45 to 60 are caregivers to aging family members.
- 44 per cent of those surveyed support children as well as an elderly relative.

Caregiver credit

If you are providing support you may be able to claim this amount. Your parent or parents must be 65 or over, have an income of $18,645 or less and be living with you. You can also claim parents under the age of 65 if they are dependent on you because of an infirmity or disability.

Unfortunately, no matter how much support you provide, they have to be living with you in order to claim the caregiver credit.

There is a federal amount of $4,223 for each dependent which will cut your taxes by $635. There are also provincial caregiver amounts that will add to your savings.

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▶ Taking care of parents and their taxes can yield savings for you.

Disability Tax Credit

I have written about this in the past, encouraging adult children to apply for the DTC if a parent qualifies for it. Many don't realize that if the parent's income is low, the DTC can be transferred.

However, in order to do this you need to establish that your parent depends on you for some or all of the basic necessities of life. This can be a huge benefit to the struggling sandwich generation.

Nursing home expenses

If you pay for your parents' nursing home fees, you may be able to claim them as a medical expense. But you will have to make a choice between these expenses and the disability tax credit, because you can't have both.

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LOVE AND LOONIES

Hooking up with someone permanently means working through financial logistics. Before joining households, talk about whether to merge finances. Should you join accounts? Generally, if couples act as a team, either strategy will work.

The benefits of combining accounts, loans and assets are: fewer accounts to monitor, easy sharing, transparency (helps with budgeting, taxes and communication), and reduced banking fees. But, sometimes when couples pool money, it creates the perception they're flush with cash, which triggers overspending. Couples can also disagree on spending habits which can translate into nasty money fights. Plus, if the relationship ends, one partner could take off with the financial resources (this would be settled later on in court).

Who's going to pay the bills? Legally, the person whose name is on a bill is responsible for paying it. If the bills don't get paid, lenders will harass you at home and work, and eventually report you to credit bureaus. List the bills in the name of the person who will ensure they get paid in full and on time. If you're name isn't on a bill, you don't build credit (even if you're a co-applicant on a credit card).

Prepping your pad

Easter weekend — April 22 through 25 — is a busy time for home sales Start getting your place ready

"Statistically, more sales take place on this weekend than at any other time of the year," says Phil Soper, president and chief executive, Royal LePage Canada.

"Home buyers and sellers want to be settled in their new homes by end of summer to coincide with the start of the school year. That accounts for much of the action on Easter weekend," Soper adds.

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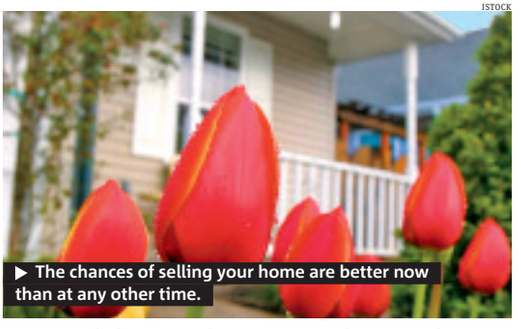

▶ The chances of selling your home are better now than at any other time.

If you're selling your home

- Take time to clear away winter's refuse outside your home, sweeping front steps, raking up leaves and picking up litter that may be left behind from earlier snow banks.
- Consider using the services of a professional home stager — well worth the investment of within the several hundred dollar range.
- Be willing to accept an invitation to celebrate the holidays at someone else's home. Cooking odours, guests and clutter are best left to others at this time.
- Feel free to go away for the weekend, but don't be out of reach. Your real estate agent could be calling with some good news.
- Take the first offer seriously — it's often the best. It's tempting to see what else comes along, but remember, buyers are usually as motivated as sellers on this weekend.

If you're buying a home

- Hire an agent. They often have the inside track and often know of listings that are coming up and not yet on the market.
- Clear your calendar for Easter weekend and make yourself available to visit homes.
- Before you head out to visit homes, review your priorities and make a list, itemizing the features you want most in your future home.
- Take detailed notes, comparing features and location to your priorities.
- Be ready to make an offer — other buyers are surely standing by.

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▶ Team Canada skip Jeff Stoughton, right, makes a shot as lead Steve Gould and second Reid Carruthers sweep against Korea in Regina yesterday.

Canada's front takes leading role

Winnipeg's Stoughton out to 4-0 start thanks to key contributions from second and lead

The throwers of second and lead stones on a curling team aren't showered with as much glory as the skip and thirds.

The back-end players get the oohs and aahs from spectators after their angle raises and draws against multiple stones in the house. The front end does the grunt work of setting up guards, drawing around them and peeling opposition guards.

The latter lays the foundation of an end. If not executed properly, the third and skips are forced to defend with low-percentage, circus shots or they have nothing to work with to generate multi-point ends.

Canadian second Reid Carruthers and lead Steve Gould have done their job so well at the Ford World Curling Championships in Regina that the host team cruised to four straight wins to open the tournament.

Carruthers led all seconds with an 89 per cent shooting accuracy following Canada's 7-4 win over South Korea's Dong Keun Lee yesterday. Gould was rated at 91 per cent behind Sweden's Viktor Kjall (94 per cent).

"There's obviously more pressure because we have the Maple Leaf on the back."
CANADIAN SECOND REID CARRUTHERS

"For us to play well against the other front ends, I don't want to sound overconfident but I think it's expected of us," Carruthers said.

The 26-year-old teacher is the new guy in his first world championship on a veteran Winnipeg team. He has quickly clued into the high expectations Canadians have of their curling teams on the international stage.

"The teams out here all want to beat us, especially because it's in our home country," Carruthers said before taking on the U.S. last night.

Scotland's Tom Brewster led yesterday afternoon at 5-0 after a 5-4 win over Jiri Snitil of the Czech Republic.

Thomas Dufour of France was behind Canada (4-0) at 3-1, and Sweden's Niklas Edin is alone in fourth at 3-2 after an 8-5 loss to Thomas Ulsrud of Norway (2-2).

Yansong Ji of China dropped to 2-3 with a 7-1 loss to Switzerland's Christof Schwaller. That ties the Chinese with Germany's Kapp, who won 5-4 over Pete Fenson (1-3) of the U.S. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rodman headed to Hall of Fame

Dennis Rodman, Chris Mullin and a trio of coaching legends are part of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2011.

Coaches Tex Winter, innovator of the "Triangle" offence, Stanford's Tara VanDerveer and Philadelphia University's Herb Magee are part of the class announced yesterday in Houston.

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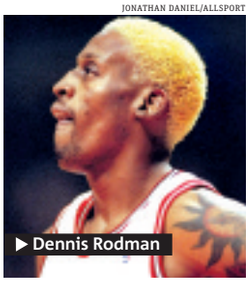

▶ Dennis Rodman

NFL will target HGH: Goodell

Commissioner Roger Goodell says the NFL will insist that its next labour deal with players includes testing for human growth hormone.

After appearing yesterday at a high school to speak about the dangers of steroid use, Goodell said the NFL needs to do more to keep banned substances out of the sport.

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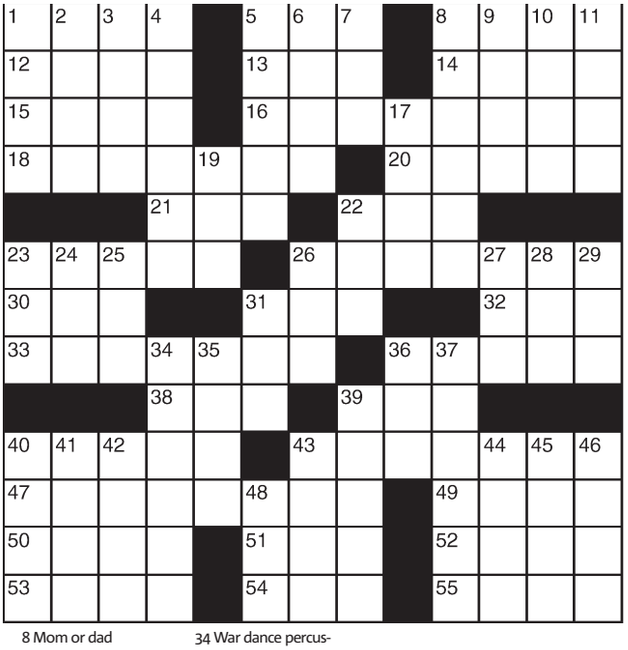
4 sports

Quoted

"This one has been the toughest, not necessarily physically but for sure mentally. It was so serious I was worried I wouldn't be able to function properly."

OFT-INJURED VANCOUVER DEFENCEMAN SAMI SALO ON RUPTURING HIS ACHILLES TENDON LAST SUMMER. THE 36-YEAR-OLD MISSED THE FIRST 52 GAMES OF THE SEASON.

Crossword



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5 Awful
8 Decline, with "on"
12 Old Italian money
13 Id counterpart
14 Sheltered
15 Addict
16 Limit
18 Alter the presentation
20 Tract of wasteland
21 Donkey
22 Card player's call
23 Reek
26 Turn over a new leaf
30 Charged bit
31 See 54-Across
32 Pair
33 Fix the locks?
36 Rash
38 U.K. reference bk.
39 Namely (Abbr.)
40 Plant swelling
43 Put back the way it was
47 Check
49 Always
50 Choral voice
51 Wildebeest
52 Supermarket stack
53 Thailand, once
54 With 31-Across, supplement
55 Coin aperture

Down

1 Astigmatism problem
2 React to yeast
3 War god
4 Plaid fabric
5 Ice mounds
6 Pulitzer winner James
7 Two, in Tijuana
8 Mom or dad
9 Others (Lat.)
10 Denomination
11 Brother of Cain and Abel
17 Anything but that
19 Request
22 Obtain
23 Round Table address
24 Pirouette pivot
25 The chosen
26 Regret
27 Billboards
28 Trench
29 "— Story 3"
31 Antiquated
34 War dance percussion
35 2001, e.g.
36 Owned by that guy
37 Montezuma's people
39 Where the action is
40 Historic periods
41 Sandwich shop
42 "Cómo — usted?"
43 Skaters' 39-Down
44 Elliptical
45 Nevada city
46 Formerly, formerly
48 Candle count

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	N	T	I		M	I	D		A	R	A	B
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Sudoku

3					9	8	5	
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1			8					7
				4			6	1
		8				9		
9	6			3				
8					6			2
	9	3		2			1	
	2	5	7					9

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Big Al, you might be living with a creepshow, good thing I think you're cute. See ya later for some dancing. Love, **THE FLASK**

*Dear Brian B., A lot of words to say but we both already know how much We Love Each Other, just wanna let everyone know that we'll do everything we can to make our relationship more stronger, happier and will last forever. *Advance Happy 2 yrs. 4 months my Boo* Love,* **JCO**

Eric I can not believe that we meet 3 years ago and that we are going be married in 5 months. I love you so much and can not wait to spend the rest of my life with you. We built our relationship so strong no one can tear it down. I love you monkey your always and forever **MARTINA**

A look at the weather

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Min -5° Max 7°	Min 5° Max 8°	Min 0° Max 7°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning."
WEEKDAYS 6AM

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Some things happen without any apparent rhyme or reason and you need to accept that.
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 You have serious responsibilities to take care of and there can be no more excuses.
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 You will be inspired to reach out to other people.
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Someone in a position of authority will smile on you today.
♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug.23 You can still turn a lost cause into a triumph.
♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This should be a lucky day for you but to what extent depends on your willingness to make sacrifices for the wider good
♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The more challenging a situation is the more it can help you grow.
♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't waste your precious time arguing with people who to your way of thinking are foolish in the extreme.
♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Choose your goals carefully today. Make them special.
♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Steer clear of other people's fights and feuds.
♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Someone you have to deal with today will be all over the place, both mentally and emotionally.
♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 . Reach out to the world over the next 24 hours. Remind people you're still alive and kicking. SALLY BROMPTON

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$30 BILLION

wasted for stealth fighter jets we can't afford! Contract awarded to one supplier with no competitive bids!

$6 billion per year

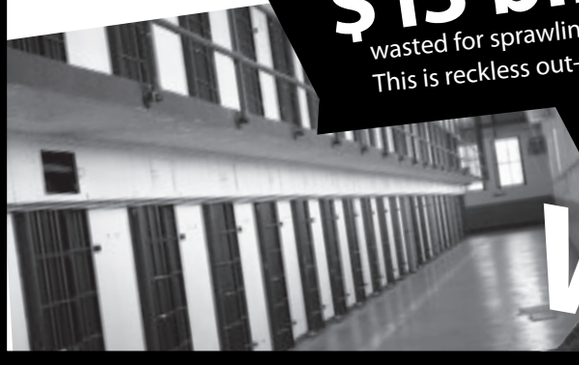
in tax cuts for big corporations, even though taxes in Canada were already lower than other countries!

$1 BILLION

wasted on mismanaged G20 summit in Toronto! $1.9 million wasted to build fake lake beside real Lake Ontario!

$13 billion

wasted for sprawling U.S.-style mega-prisons! This is reckless out-of-control spending!



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